

III. REMARKS

The amendment to claim 18 corrects an obvious typographical error in the last amendment.

Claims 7 and 18 are not unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sudo.

It is respectfully submitted that "mobile agent" is defined on page 3, lines 24-26, as one that moves around and holds conversations with the message packet attached thereto. Thus, it differs from a resident agent (see p. 3, l. 27, and p. 6, l. 1). It is also respectfully submitted that, contrary to the Examiner's assertion, page 20, lines 4 and 5, state that the **application 113** is defined in a client system 101, **not** the mobile agent. Sudo does not disclose such a mobile agent.

Further, claim 7 recites "...a conversation part object including a conversation thread control part that is capable of controlling the plurality of conversation threads". Similarly, claim 18 has been amended to recite the same limitation. This limitation is disclosed on page 23, lines 5-10; page 27, line 24, to page 28, line 2; page 28, lines 10-16; page 30, lines 10-17. The Examiner has cited user level control threads in Sudo. However, there is no disclosure of these threads controlling a plurality of threads as presently recited.

For both of the above reasons, the rejection of claims 7 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Sudo should be withdrawn.

Claims 7 and 18 are not unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bhanot.

It is respectfully submitted that the cited column 2, lines 38-61, and column 3, lines 54-66, totally fail to disclose the recited control conversation part. They merely disclose backing up a system. Further, Bhanot also fails to disclose the recited mobile agent. Thus this rejection should also be withdrawn for both of the above reasons.

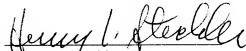
Further, since there is no suggestion in Sudo or Bhanot of a mobile agent or a control thread part, these claims are unobvious over these references.

It is requested that this amendment be entered since **no new search is required** since the limitations in amended claim 18 are already in claim 7.

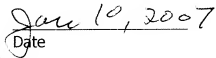
For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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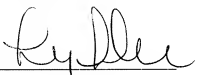
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